

**COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2004**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 9:15 A.M. in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet B. Younger, R.N., P.N.P., Ph.D.
Linda Ault, R.N., M.S.N.
Louisa Lief, R.N.
Harry C. Beaver, M.D.
Diane L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert J. Bettini, M.D.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Boling, M.D.
Elaine Ferrary, R.N., L.N.P.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: David O. Dick, R.N., C.R.N.A.
David F. Gardner, M.D.
Lynn Poole, R.N., L.N.P.
Steven B. Powers, M.D.
Evelyn Turner, R.N. L.N.P.
Chip Williams, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing
Susan Bell Rosen, R.N., F.N.P., J.D., Deputy Executive Director, Discipline
Ann S. Hardy, R.N., M.S.N., Discipline Case Manager
Charlotte Creed, Office Manager
William Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine
Elaine Yeatts, Regulatory Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General
Judy Irvin, Commissioner, Government Relations, Virginia Nurses Association
Dr. Barbara Matusiak, Board of Medicine staff

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With five (5) members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

ORDERING OF AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed and ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT No one was present who wished to make public comment.

DISPOSITION OF
MINUTES:

Dr. Reynolds-Cane moved the minutes of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine meeting on August 23, 2003 be accepted and approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

NCSBN APRN Task Force:

Dr. Younger provided an update from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Advanced Practice RN Task Force. Issues that were discussed are as follows:

- Five states remaining with Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine governing the licensure of Nurse Practitioners
- Mutual Recognition
- NCSBN assessing the licensing practices in all states recommending states move to eliminate irregular licensing practices and differentiation between Clinical Nurse Specialists and Licensed Nurse Practitioners

Letter from NCSBN to Federal Trade Commission:

The letter regarding certification of hospice and palliative nurses was accepted as a report.

Study of the Effectiveness of the Prescriptive Authority Nurse Practitioners HB 818 (2000):

Ms. Douglas provided the Committee with a copy of the Joint Commission on Health Care report and advised the Committee that recommendations may be forthcoming to ask the Board of Nursing to collect more data on practice locations of Nurse Practitioners with Prescriptive Authority.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Alexandria Health Department:

Ms. Rosen presented a request from the Alexandria Health Department requesting that the Committee take a position on the practice of Women's Health Nurse Practitioners in regards to the diagnosis and treatment of selected conditions that relate to the male reproductive system e.g. sexually transmitted diseases.

Dr. Reynolds-Cane moved that it is the opinion of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine that the management and treatment of sexually transmitted infections in the situation of direct extension of care of the female client is within the requirements of 18 VAC 90-30-120 (B). The Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine does offer the cautionary advice that the Drug Control Act 54.1-3303 (A) requires that a prescription shall be issued for a medicinal therapeutic purpose to a person with whom the provider has a bona-fide practitioner-patient relationship.

Staff were instructed to draft a guidance document to bring back to the next meeting and to respond by letter to the Alexandria Health Department.

Consideration of Draft Regulations for Licensed Nurse Practitioners 18
VAC 90-30:

Dr. Reynolds-Cane moved to accept the proposed regulations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Yeatts informed the group that these regulations will now be presented to the Board of Nursing and Board of Medicine at their next meeting.

Legislative Update:

Ms. Yeatts provided a summary of the current status of proposed legislation for 2004.

Future business of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine will be to promulgate emergency regulations pertaining to HB 855.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Lief moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:05 A.M. for the purpose of consideration and discussion of consent orders. Additionally, Ms. Lief moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Rosen and Mr. Casway attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:15 A.M.

Ms. Lief moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Consent Orders:

Karen Sic-Cua, R.N., C.R.N.A. 0024-161018

Dr. Reynolds-Cane moved to accept the Consent Order for indefinite suspension of the nurse practitioner license of Karen Sic-Cua.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon entry by the Board stating the findings, conclusions and decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director, Board of Nursing